

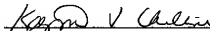
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PETITION TO ACCEPT AN UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED PRIORITY CLAIM
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3)

The Applicant respectfully submits this Petition to Accept an Unintentionally Delayed Priority Claim under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3) to claim the benefit of prior-filed:

- (1) Nonprovisional application No. 10/097,921, "Reaction Bonded Alumina Filter and Membrane Support," filed March 13, 2002 (U.S. Patent No. 6,695,967), of which the present application is a Continuation-in-Part;
- (2) Nonprovisional application No. 10/685,057, "Membrane Devices Using Reaction Bonded Monolith Supports," filed October 14, 2003; and

(3) Nonprovisional application No.10/777,231, "Reaction-bonded Porous Magnesia Body," filed February 12, 2004.

The Applicant affirms that the entire delay between the date the priority claim was due and the date the priority claim was filed was unintentional.

The Applicant is concurrently filing a Response to the October 17, 2006 Office Action in which the Specification has been amended to reflect this priority claim, as follows:

This application claims the benefit of nonprovisional application No. 10/097,921, "Reaction Bonded Alumina Filter and Membrane Support," filed March 13, 2002 (U.S. Patent No. 6,695,967), of which this application is a Continuation-in-Part; nonprovisional application No. 10/685,057, "Membrane Devices Using Reaction Bonded Monolith Supports," filed October 14, 2003; and nonprovisional application No. 10/777,231, "Reaction-bonded Porous Magnesia Body," filed February 12, 2004; all of which are assigned to CeraMem Corporation, the present Applicant, and included herein by reference."

If for any reason this Response is found to be incomplete, or if at any time it appears that a telephone conference with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned in Westborough, Massachusetts, (508) 898-1501.

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